

WEATHER FORECAST.
Fair to-day, rain at night or to-morrow; light, variable winds.

NO. 1907.

WINDY CITY MAY GET CONVENTION IN COMPROMISE

New York Entry Endangers Baltimore's Hopes.

BRYAN STILL A FACTOR

May Be Able to Throw Plum to Chicago.

Commence's Influence May Control Hold-over National Committee and Send Convention to Middle West, Where Sentiment Is More Favorable to the "Progressive" Wing of the Party.

That the eleven-hour entry of New York in the race for the privilege of entertaining the Democratic national convention next summer may prove a death blow to the hopes of Baltimore and result in the designation of Chicago by the Democratic National Committee, is the thought now advanced by Democratic politicians in Washington.

The aspirations of New York, made known at a time when victory was practically conceded to the Monumental City, have complicated the situation considerably, and, incidentally, thrown William Jennings Bryan's waning influence to the fore again.

TWO BIG CONSIDERATIONS.

In the opinion of politicians close to the leading spirits in the Democratic National Committee, two features of the situation strengthen the belief that neither Baltimore nor New York will win the prize. One is the fact that Norman E. Mack, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, will find himself in an embarrassing situation if he supports the claims of either of the two cities, and the other is that the Bryan sentiment in the committee will find in the unexpected rivalry between two Eastern cities a lever for working the big meeting back toward the Middle West, where "progressive" or "radical" sentiment is stronger. Mr. Mack, according to those who are close to the chairman of the national committee, is bound by premature assurances of support to Baltimore to withhold the encouragement New York would otherwise command. For before New York entered the race Mr. Mack had given the Baltimore "boomers" to understand that he was in favor of that city as the host for the convention.

A Bryan Committee.

The possible influence of the peerless leader in the deliberations of the committee next month is based on the fact that the present National Committee is a hold-over from the Bryan campaign of four years ago and may be set down as entertaining the radical or progressive views of the man they sought to place in the White House in 1908.

Bryan is antagonistic to Harmon, and favors a more progressive candidate—supposedly Woodrow Wilson, of New Jersey. The sentiment of New York and Maryland Democrats is antagonistic to Bryan, and in so far as the balance of power in the Democratic machines in those States will be a factor, it is favorable to a conservative candidate—a role which Gov. Harmon is generally accorded with carrying out. The Wilson backers do not want to make their convention fight in a hall packed with conservative sentiment, and in this they expect the support of Bryan and the supposed Bryan sentiment in the National Committee. They would much rather have Chicago designated.

Arguments Against Both.

The same objections could be raised against both cities. If Baltimore alone were to be considered, the support of Chairman Mack might outweigh such considerations, but if the previous assurance of the chairman offer a stumbling block to his supporting the claims of either city, the hopes of the Wilson managers for the designation of Chicago will be raised considerably. The Wilson managers favor the designation of Chicago with the risk of being charged with "trailing the Republicans," who selected that city for 1912.

St. Louis is handicapped by the fact that Missouri has two avowed Presidential candidates—Folk and Clark. Denver is generally believed to be altogether out of the running. The race, in the opinion of Democratic leaders, has definitely narrowed down to three cities—Baltimore, New York, and Chicago.

KILLED BY WIFE.

Hotel Clerk Accused of Stabbing Her in Quarrel.

Waco, Tex., Dec. 25.—John B. Sims, a hotel clerk, staggered into the corridor of the hotel to-day with a bullet through his body, and fell dead. Just as he reached the door his wife was found in their room a short time after with several stab wounds in her neck, and was taken to a hospital. Mrs. Sims stated that her husband had stabbed her, and that she had shot him in self-defense.

Jealousy of Sims by his wife is given as the cause of the tragedy.

EX-OIL KING PLAYS GOLF.

John D. Plensed Because He Won Two Out of Three.

Tarrytown, N. Y., Dec. 25.—John D. Rockefeller said that to-day was one of the best Christmas he ever had. He spent all the forenoon playing golf, in three rounds of the course, with different opponents, and was immensely pleased because he won two out of the three games. The weather and the course were ideal. His opponents were James H. Hunt, former city attorney of York, N. C.; Ebenzer, of Stamford, and Charles Brown, a William, who plays frequently with him.

William Rockefeller to-day disbursed among his employees \$5 gold pieces for every year they have been in his employ. Some of the men have worked at Rockefeller Hill over twenty years. Mr. Rockefeller started this system of giving several years ago and has kept increasing it each year.

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ONE CENT.

Capital Society Awaits Hope Diamond Trial

Unlucky Stone, Which Was to Cost the McLeans \$200,000, Still Reposes in Strong Box. Motion to Have Case Advanced.

Society folks in Washington and elsewhere in the diamond trade are awaiting with keen interest the outcome of the suit against Edward B. McLean and his wife, Mrs. Evelyn Walsh McLean, daughter of the late multimillionaire, Thomas F. Walsh, entered by Cartier & Co., jewelers, of New York and Paris, for \$250,000, alleged to be the purchase price of the Hope diamond, which the jewelers say was delivered to Mrs. McLean January 28 last, and which is now reposing in the strong box of a local trust company.

Both Mr. and Mrs. McLean deny liability to the Cartiers for the hoodoo jewel, which it is alleged has brought ill luck to every person owning it. Mr. McLean charged that Pierre Cartier made misrepresentations to him concerning the value of the jewel and that he was induced thereby to accept the terms of an agreement to purchase. Mrs. McLean declared the diamond was left at

their residence in Massachusetts in November on or about January 28 last for inspection, and she denies she individually, or jointly with her husband, purchased the diamond and the necklace attached to it. The Cartiers claim they were to receive \$50,000 in cash, an emerald and pearl pendant valued at \$25,000 now owned by Mrs. McLean, and the balance of \$114,000 was to be paid in bi-monthly installments covering a period of three years. Application will be made within a few days to the court to have the case advanced for trial, and it is considered probable that if counsel can agree the court will afford an early date for the trial. Pending the judicial proceeding, the diamond is in the custody of the McLeans, but is kept in a safe deposit vault.

Attorneys Brandenburg & Brandenburg represent the jewelers, and A. S. Worthington, J. J. Darlington, and Wilton J. Lambert, appear for the McLeans.

TROLLEY PLUNGES OFF HIGH BRIDGE

Every Person Aboard Injured; But One Missing.

Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 25.—A trolley car carrying thirty-five passengers, nearly all of whom were prominent residents of Schuylkill Haven, on their way to Pottsville to attend the performance of the comic opera, "The Chocolate Soldier," jumped Black Bridge viaduct into the Schuylkill River this evening, injuring every person on board, some of whom it is feared will die. One person is missing and is thought to have been drowned. The car dropped about twenty-five feet into the water, and it is a miracle that all were not drowned. As soon as word reached Pottsville every available physician was rushed to the scene of the accident. The injured were taken to two hospitals—one in Pottsville and the other at Schuylkill Haven.

The railway officials can give no definite details concerning the fatal injury, although they admit that every person in the car, including the motor-man and the conductor, were more or less seriously injured.

Estimates of the number of persons on the car ran as high as sixty.

NEW YORK STILL SEEKS CONVENTION

Railroad Men and Financiers Will Lend Support.

New York, Dec. 25.—So many assurances of financial support in the project of bringing the Democratic national convention to New York have been received that James B. Regan, chairman of the finance committee, and his associates are confident that their efforts will be crowned with success.

Gov. Dix is an enthusiastic supporter of the plan, and is said to have agreed to head the delegation which will go to Washington on January 8 to show the members of the National Committee that New York is the logical place to hold the convention. Officials of the New York Central and Pennsylvania railroads have also promised to use their influence in favor of New York. The big hotel men are a unit in favor of the plan.

The commanding men in the financial world will be asked to-morrow to join their efforts to those of the others working for the convention. Among those who will be approached by the leaders in the movement are George J. Gould, John Jacob Astor, and George W. Perkins. Of the financial situation regarding bringing the convention here, Mr. Regan said to-day:

"It wouldn't do to go to Washington on even financial terms with other cities. The Baltimore bid with \$100,000, Cincinnati with another \$100,000, and Chicago with a like sum. We have said we would raise \$250,000, but if possible we will make it \$500,000 or \$600,000. We already have had \$100,000 sent in, and we have not asked any of the biggest men yet."

GAMBLES WITH DEATH.

Statesman Takes Long Trip to Serve Constituents.

Impatient with the slow progress of his illness, and anxious to serve his constituents, Representative S. C. Smith, of California, arrived in Washington Sunday night after a journey which his family and friends regarded as a gamble with death.

Against the advice of his physician and protests of his relatives, Representative Smith left Los Angeles December 20 for Washington. He has been suffering from heart trouble, and was unable to attend the special session.

Since the opening of the present session, he has been chafing at the thought of neglecting the interests of his district, and declared that he would have no rest until he came to Washington. He persisted in his determination against all attempts at dissuasion.

The train which carried the invalid was well attended by his family and a number of travel made the journey unusually treacherous, yet the plucky legislator surprised his wife and the physician and nurses who accompanied him by bearing up remarkably through the trip.

SEE VACANT CHAIR; GO TO DYING SON

Parents, Told of Accident, Hasten to Hospital.

New York, Dec. 25.—"What's the matter? Why can't you eat your dinner?" asked Edward M. McDermitt of John F. Stanley, his cousin and guest, after the family had sat down to the Christmas feast in their home at 48 Mechanic street, Orange, N. J.

"Why, Ed, I'm sorry to be a blight on the dinner, but the fact is I just saw a little boy hit by an automobile at Main and Cone streets, and it has upset me completely."

Mrs. McDermitt, with swift maternal instinct, glanced at a vacant chair at the table. "Where is Lee?" she cried chokingly.

In an instant the dinner was abandoned. Mr. McDermitt hurried to the Orange Memorial Hospital, two blocks away. He found his little son dying.

The father, on the verge of collapse, rushed home and took his wife to the institution. They arrived just before the boy breathed his last.

Later Daniel A. Dugan, Jr., the boy's chauffeur, told the police that he ran down the little McDermitt boy, who was placed under arrest. The accident took place at a crowded crossing, where several persons were waiting for a street car. Several of them became confused, and one young woman, Miss Sylvia Thelen, ran directly in front of the machine.

"I was knocked down and seriously injured," she said. "The machine struck and struck the McDermitt boy, passing over and crushing him before the eyes of the sickened crowd."

Thornton Hains said to-night: "This is the first I have heard that my brother is married. He is married, but he might do. The last I heard of him he had gone to Arizona. It is possible they have made up, and that his former wife has returned. They did not meet at my house. Ever since he was pardoned the captain has kept away from me and my house."

Rushed to Hospital.

Young Van Tassel, who was the least injured, was dispatched to the bridge tender, who immediately communicated with the Fourth precinct and Emergency Hospital. Miss Van Tassel was taken to the hospital in an ambulance, and the other members of the party were carried to their homes in a patrol wagon. At an early hour this morning physicians at Emergency Hospital stated that Miss Van Tassel's condition is critical.

Father and Girls Hurt.

John B. Jacques, sixty-one years old, and his two daughters, Miss Laura and Clara Jacques, of 17 U street northwest, narrowly escaped serious injury shortly after 6 o'clock last night, when an automobile in which they were riding struck a rut and turned over in Seventh street, between R and L streets. The three occupants of the machine were thrown to the street. Jacques was hurt on the hands and face, while Miss Laura suffered sprained arms and cuts on the hands. Her sister was bruised on the hands. They were taken home by Dr. William C. Fowler, of 136 First street northwest, who was passing in his automobile.

"Sliding" on the wet asphalt of Seventh street is supposed to have caused the accident. Before Miss Laura Jacques, who was at the steering wheel, could regain control of the machine it had turned and fallen over on its side. Pedestrians helped the victims of the accident to their feet and rights the machine.

Collides with Car.

While going east in Florida avenue, between First and Second streets northwest, early this morning, Harry L. Black, a chauffeur, of 1115 Eighth street northwest, collided with a Capital Traction car. His automobile was demolished. Black did not see the car until it was too late to avoid the accident, but jumped to the ground, escaping probable serious injury. The only damage sustained by the street car was a broken fender.

Just Like May at Winoed.

Winoed, Conn., Dec. 25.—Copies to-day were canoeing in Highland Lake, where last Christmas they enjoyed skating. Fruit trees are in bud and rose bushes and mountain laurel have shot forth new leaves four months ahead of time.

EIGHT INJURED IN AUTO WRECK; ONE MAY DIE

Car Plunges Into Hole Near Highway Bridge.

RECALLS FATAL CRASH

Machine Listed in Name of Mrs. Gardiner Green Hubbard.

Miss Margaret Van Tassel Planned Under Automobile, and Her Spine Is Probably Fractured—Seven Others, Including Chauffeur for Alexander Graham Bell, Receive Bruises and Lacerations.

Blinded by a dense fog about 100 yards south of the Highway Bridge about 11 o'clock last night, eight persons in an automobile listed in the name of Mrs. Gardiner Green Hubbard, who was killed when her motor car was struck by a Chevy Chase trolley car about a year ago, barely escaped with their lives. The big machine, driven by Dean Jackson, chauffeur for Alexander Graham Bell, ran into a deep hole, throwing all of the occupants to the ground and pinning a young woman under the overturned car.

THE INJURED.

Miss Margaret Van Tassel, nineteen years old, spine probably fractured and internally injured. Removed to Emergency Hospital.

Miss Gargis, twenty-five years old, 627 B street northeast, bruised on hands and face.

Henry C. Gargis, twenty-six years old, of 227 Eleventh street southwest, sprained wrist.

Mrs. H. C. Gargis, twenty-four years old, bruised on body and head.

Mrs. Christine Van Tassel, forty years old, of 19 Myrtle street northeast, bruises on face and hands.

Miss Van Tassel, twelve years old, injured in back.

Dean Jackson, chauffeur for Alexander Graham Bell, bruised on abdomen; not serious.

Frank Dwyer, twenty-four years old, of 227 Eleventh street southwest, cut on head.

At an early hour this morning, police of the Fourth precinct communicated with Mr. Bell, owner of the wrecked car, who asked that Jackson be held at the station. Mr. Bell said he would go immediately to Emergency Hospital to learn the condition of Miss Van Tassel.

After the accident Jackson had taken the car from his garage without permission, but did not say whether he would prosecute the chauffeur.

Near Fated Spot.

The accident occurred near the spot where Senor Herrarte, other Pan-American diplomat, and Gen. Drummond were seriously injured about a year ago in a similar accident. Jackson called at the home of Mrs. Gargis about 9 o'clock and offered to take her and her friends for a spin, as she said she had never ridden in an automobile. There was plenty of room in the large car and all were comfortably seated.

After traveling over the Potomac Speedway, Jackson piloted his guests across the Highway Bridge. Because of the heavy fog on the river, he was forced to go at slow speed. Shortly after the touring car took the asphalt at the south end of the bridge, there was a crash and grinding sound, and in an instant the passengers were thrown heavily to the ground. Miss Margaret Van Tassel being caught under the overturned machine.

Jackson, her fiancé, was the first to attempt to get her out from under the machine. He was aided by the aid of the other men in the party raised the large auto high enough to extricate her.

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Head of American Navy Is 74 Years Old To-day

Hero of Battle of Manila Will Be Felicitated by President and Other Distinguished Men.

Being in the best of health, Admiral Dewey, the hero of the battle of Manila, will to-day receive the felicitations of President Taft, members of the Cabinet, officers of the navy, and resident and official society, the occasion being his seventy-fourth birthday anniversary.

At his office, in the Mills Building, there will be waiting for him a huge floral piece, a present from the General Board of the Navy, of which he is president. Father Time has dealt kindly with the admiral, whose splendid health, robust physique, clear eye, and steady hand make him appear years younger than he is. He leads a simple and regular life, rising and retiring early. His birthday recalls his achievement at Manila, thirteen years ago.

His own account of the battle of Manila, contained in his diary, is told in a few words. It reads as follows: "Friday, April 25.—A fine day. Squadron steaming for Cape Bolinao."

"Saturday, April 26.—Passed Cape Bolinao this morning, and after examining Port Subig and finding nothing there, steamed for Manila. Entered the bay about 10 p. m., receiving a few scattering shots from the batteries at the entrance."

"Sunday, May 1.—Reached Manila at daylight, and immediately engaged the Spanish ships and batteries at Cavite. Destroyed eight ships, including the Reina Cristina and the Castilla, also two large steam transport. Anchored at noon off Manila."



ADMIRAL GEORGE DEWEY.

MOB HACKS BODY OF LYNCHED VICTIM

Jail at Brookline, Md., Broken Open Saturday Night.

Baltimore, Dec. 25.—King Davis, colored, who shot and killed Frederick Schwab, a white man, at Fairfield, Md., Saturday night, was lynched at Brookline, Md. His body was literally hacked to pieces by the mob, who used hatchets at their work.

Nothing was known of the lynching by the authorities of Brookline until the chief of police was notified by a newspaper carrier of what had happened. The mutilated body of the victim was found in the rear of the town jail.

Mr. Jones is kept at the jail at night, and there is as yet no clue to the perpetrators of the deed. The front door of the jail had been burst open, and the lock had been cut off the door of the cell in which Davis was confined.

The trouble which caused the shooting of Schwab was brought about by a quarrel over a game of pool between Frank Schwab, a brother of the dead man, and Davis.

The colored man declared he shot in self-defense, declaring that Frederick Schwab had struck him.

Mother Offers to Go to Leper Colony to Support Child.

Boston, Dec. 25.—Mrs. Roblin Ingraham, of the South End, a widowed woman of all work, employed in the kitchen of a Boston eating house, has made the greatest Christmas gift offering of the Century. Mrs. Ingraham's room rent is two weeks in arrears, and she was just four weeks behind in her rent for the month of December. She has offered to give her daughter, for whom this great Christmas gift is intended.

In a remarkable letter mailed to-day to Dr. Frank H. Parker, superintendent of the leper colony at Penikese Island, this self-sacrificing mother asks to "risk the living death" to earn sufficient money to give her little girl a business college education.

She asks for the position of woman of all work there, the only condition attached being that her earnings be transferred to her fourteen-year-old daughter, that she may be able to fight life's battles better than was her mother.

REPUBLIC SOLUTION OF CHINESE CRISIS

Japan Statesmen Discuss Situation in Secret.

Tokyo, Dec. 25.—Members of the Japanese cabinet met late last night with several of the elder statesmen and Prince Katsura, former premier. There is considerable mystery surrounding the object of the meeting. The greatest secrecy was observed, and nothing was given out for publication. It is believed, however, that the latest developments in the Chinese situation were discussed, and that the elder statesmen were asked to attend the meeting in order to give their advice. It seems to be the opinion that a republican form of government for China is inevitable, and the feeling is general that the only solution of the present problem lies in the government yielding to the demands of the republicans.

Pekin, Dec. 25.—It was reported to-day that both rebels and imperialists are preparing to resume hostilities, a failure of the Shanghai negotiations being freely predicted. Intervention by the foreign powers is not favorably received here. It is reported also that Yuan Shih Kai has threatened to resign the premiership unless he is given better financial support by the government. It is the general belief here that the rebels will be steadily refused to accept anything except the establishment of a republic.

Ansoy, China, Dec. 25.—The United States cruiser Monterey returned here to-day from a cruise to the treaty port of Swatow, on the estuary of the Han River.

All river traffic above the city of Chang Chow has again been suspended, owing to the depredations of pirates.

Try Starting Eyes Kennedy for Role, Wash. Water Kyes and Granulated Eyes, No Smoking—Just Are Comfort.

SHUSTER THROUGH, PERSIA INFORMS CZAR'S OFFICIALS

Mejliss Indignant and Excitement Runs High.

HAS POPULAR SUPPORT

Butchery at Tabriz by Russians Continues.

Cossacks Are Guilty of Atrocities Unparalleled in Recent Years, According to Reports, and the News Has Aroused the Population to a Frenzy of Rage and Excitement—Send Re-enforcements.

Teheran, Dec. 25.—Following the unexpected dissolution of the Mejliss by the Regent's firman, the cabinet has signified acceptance of all the Russian demands, and has notified St. Petersburg that W. Morgan Shuster, the American treasurer general, has been dismissed.

Members of the dissolved Mejliss are indignant at the action of the Regent and the cabinet, and excitement runs high throughout the city. Fearing an outbreak, soldiers have been posted around the Parliament buildings, guarding all approaches.

AMERICAN HOLDING OUT.

Mr. Shuster, although knowing of the adverse action of the cabinet, continues to hold the fort. The members of the Mejliss are planning to send a deputation to beg that Shuster retain his office in defiance of the cabinet.

Popular feeling is strong in support of Mr. Shuster.

Telegraphic communication with Tabriz is still uninterrupted, but information from there received late to-day indicated that the fighting continued spasmodically. The Russian re-enforcements have not yet arrived, and the Russians at Tabriz are hard pressed. Many are dead. The Russians, according to reports received here, are guilty of atrocities unparalleled in recent years. This news has aroused the population of Teheran to a frenzy of rage and excitement.

Russian Butchery Continues.

The Russians have killed more than 200 women and children since Houses in Tabriz were entered indiscriminately and women attacked before the eyes of other members of the family, while children were not spared. The Russian artillery mowed down every living thing in the streets, once the barricades thrown up by the Persians had been destroyed.

The city of Reht is reported quiet. The Russian consul has been declared governor there, indicating Russian intention to take possession forthwith of Persian territory.

Newspapers Are Suppressed.

All newspapers which have opposed the policy of the government have been suppressed and martial law has been proclaimed.

The Russian consul who recently assumed the government of the city of Reht reports everything quiet there at the present time, but he fears an outbreak.

It is reported that Persians fired upon a body of Indian troops who were proceeding to meet the British consul near Shiraz, killing one of the Indian soldiers. Fighting is reported as continuing between the Russians and Persians in Tabriz. The Russian re-enforcements are reported as nearing the city, which they are expected to enter to-morrow.

Another Massacre Reported.

London, Dec. 25.—In addition to the slaughter of Persians by the Russians at Teheran last week, a massacre has occurred at Reht, according to official telegrams from Teheran, received in London to-night.

The dispatches say that 500 Persians were killed by the Cossacks at Reht, many of the victims being women and children. The people have been exhorted by the authorities to the light and to give the slightest provocation to the invaders, but the massacre went on until every Persian was either driven out of the city or forced to hide in out-of-the-way places or had been killed.

The details and the extent of the massacre are as yet unknown, telegraphic communication being in a state of chaos. It is evident that the declaration of the Russian foreign office made in St. Petersburg on Sunday that "Russia will show no mercy at Tabriz, Reht, and Enzeli, and will administer a lesson long to be remembered," is carried out to the letter. The full effects have already been felt at Tabriz and are now being felt at Reht. Enzeli, it is feared, will be the next place to be invaded and sacked and its inhabitants massacred.

Reht is the capital of the province of Gilan and has 40,000 inhabitants.

People Are Stupefied.

"The people of Persia," says the official dispatch, "are stupefied at the attitude of Russia, especially as these outrages have followed immediately upon the acceptance by Persia of Russia's ultimatum and after Persia had shown every desire and disposition to conciliate Russia and establish friendly relations."

The Persian spirit is reported unbroken at Tabriz. Fighting continues at intervals, and it is severe.

Evidence by the fact that Russia has ordered re-enforcements rushed there by automobiles. A dispatch from St. Petersburg says the fighting at Tabriz is so vicious that the Russian troops are compelled to abandon its protection of the Russo-Persian bank in that city.

DR. MAYO IMPROVING.

Physicians Issue Favorable Bulletin of Noted Surgeon's Condition.

New York, Dec. 25.—The following bulletin was issued by Dr. Joseph A. Black to-night concerning the condition of Dr. C. H. Mayo, at the Presbyterian Hospital:

"Dr. Mayo passed a restful day. His condition is very satisfactory. Temperature and pulse better. Prospects of recovery very favorable."